

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the amended Specification as follows:

Page 26, please replace the amended paragraph starting at line 19 and ending at line 23 with the following amended paragraph:

--After an aqueous solution comprising the above ingredients was cooled to 5[["]]° C, a solution of 14.0 g of sodium nitrite in 60 ml of water was added to the solution drop by drop over a period of 30 minutes. This mixture was stirred at 5 to 15° C for 1 hour, after which the reaction mixture was filtered, to yield an aqueous solution of the diazonium salt of 4-chloro-2-aminophenol (solution A). --